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For: VALVE ARRANGEMENT

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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x 9=	\$	OR	x 18=	\$54.00
x 43=	\$		x 86=	\$
x 145=	\$		x 290=	\$
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following for entry in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Specification:

None

Amendments to the Claims:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings:

None

Remarks/Comments:

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.